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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 337.021, RSMo Supp. 1997, relating to the initial licensure of psychologists, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 337.021, RSMo Supp. 1997, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 337.021, to read as follows:

337.021. 1. The provisions of this section shall govern, except as provided in subsection 3 of this section, the education and experience requirements for initial licensure as a psychologist for [the following] persons[:

(1) A person] who [has] **have** completed a graduate program which is primarily psychological in nature [prior to August 28, 1990; or

(2) A person who is matriculated in a graduate program which is primarily psychological in nature prior to August 28, 1990; provided that, such person who does not complete all requirements for initial licensure prior to August 28, 1996, except as provided in subsection 5 of this section, shall be governed by the licensure requirements of section 337.025].

2. Each applicant shall submit evidence satisfactory to the committee that the applicant either:

(1) Has received a doctoral degree, based upon a program of studies from a recognized educational institution the contents of which were primarily psychological, as defined by rule, and who has had at least one year of satisfactory supervised professional experience in the general field of psychology, as defined by rule; or

(2) Received a master's degree, based upon a program of studies from a recognized

**EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

educational institution the contents of which were primarily psychological, as defined by rule, and who has had at least three years of satisfactory professional experience in the general field of psychology, as defined by rule.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, an applicant who has received a doctoral degree from a graduate program which is primarily psychological in nature [prior to August 28, 1990,] may elect at the applicant's option to have the applicant's application and licensure evaluated pursuant to the provisions of either section 337.021 or 337.025.

4. The rules referred to in subsection 2 of this section shall be those rules as previously promulgated by the department pursuant to the provisions of sections 337.020 and 337.050 as were in force and effect on August 28, 1989.

5. Notwithstanding any provision of section 337.025 or this section to the contrary, any person who qualifies for initial licensure pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of this section that has taken the Missouri licensing examination but has not received a passing score on the licensing examination [before August 28, 1996,] shall be allowed the same amount of attempts, within the same allotted time, to pass such examination as a person who meets the requirements for **initial** licensure pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of this section.

**6. As used in sections 337.010 to 337.090, initial licensure refers only to the educational and experience requirements set forth in subsection 2 of this section, such that initial licensure shall not include passage of any examination given for the purposes of full licensure under section 337.020.**

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